

REMARKS

Applicants have cancelled claims 1, 4-11, 16, 20-21 and 23. Therefore, claims 12-15, 17-19 and 22 are of record pending in this application. Applicants reserve the right to file the cancelled claims in a divisional application.

Claim Objections

Claims 15 and 22 stand objected to because they depend from a rejected base claim. Applicants have rewritten these claims in independent form. Claims 12-14 and 17-19 have also been amended to depend from currently rewritten independent claim 15.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1 and 4-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C §112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. As claims 1 and 4-10 have been cancelled, this rejection is rendered moot.

Claims 1, 6-8, 11-14, 16-19, 21 and 23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Goodrich et al. (USPN 6,258,577). As claims 1, 6-8, 11, 16, 21 and 23 have been cancelled, and claims 12-14, 17-19 have been rewritten to depend from currently rewritten independent claim 15, Applicants believe this rejection has been rendered moot.

Claims 1, 4-8, 10-14, 16-19, 21 and 23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being anticipated by Goodrich et al. (USPN 6,258,577) in view of Goodrich et al. (WO/2002/096471). As claims 1, 4-8, 10-11, 16, 21 and 23 have been cancelled, and claims 12-14 and 17-19 have been rewritten to depend from currently rewritten independent claim 15, Applicants' believe this rejection has been rendered moot.

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw his objections and to pass this application to issue. If there are any questions, or if prosecution can be expedited in any manner by a telephone conference, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' representative at the below telephone number.

It is believed no fee is required for this filing. If this belief is incorrect, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee to Deposit Account 032316.

Respectfully submitted,

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